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Docket No. 1083.1048

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hasebe et al

Group Art Unit: 2165

Serial No.: 09/000,924

Examiner: NGUYEN, C

Filed: December 30, 1997

For: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM, DATA PREPARATION DEVICE, AND DATA WORKING DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on May 10, 2001.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please AMEND claim 20 as follows.

~~20. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A data processing device, comprising a storage unit storing input data, which requires authorization for use; a processing unit in communication with the storage unit and programmed to produce generated data by applying processing to the input data, as linked in compound data in which the input data is linked to data from the processing, to produce differential data by comparing the generated data with the input data, and to store the differential data in the storage unit.~~

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